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For: A NEGOTIATION PROTOCOL WITH  
COMPROMISE THAT IS GUARANTEED TO  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

MS Appeal-Brief - Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 28, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-20, please reconsider the claims in view of the arguments herein:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper wherein claims 1-6, 10-12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 are amended.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.